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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
 SAN JOSE DIVISION

ZHONG ZHANG,
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Plaintiffs,

v.

EMILIO T. GONZALEZ, Director of the U.S.
 Citizenship and Immigration Services;
 ALBERTO R. GONZALES, as Attorney General
 of the United States;
 MICHAEL CHERTOFF, in his Official Capacity,
 Secretary, United States Department of Homeland
 Security,

Defendants.

No. C 07-2754 JF

**PARTIES' JOINT REQUEST TO BE
 EXEMPT FROM FORMAL ADR
 PROCESS**

Each of the undersigned certifies that he or she has read either the handbook entitled "Dispute Resolution Procedures in the Northern District of California," or the specified portions of the ADR Unit's Internet site <www.adr.cand.uscourts.gov>, discussed the available dispute resolution options provided by the court and private entities, and considered whether this case might benefit from any of them.

Here, the parties agree that referral to a formal ADR process will not be beneficial because this mandamus action is limited to plaintiffs' request that this Court compel defendants to adjudicate the applications for adjustment of status. Given the substance of the action and the lack of any

